UNITED STATES DISTRICT COUR	Т
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YO	RK

JEFFREY S. VAUGHN, individually and on behalf : of those Class Members similarly situated, :

Plaintiff,

-against-

LEEDS, MORELLI & BROWN, P.C., LEEDS, MORELLI & BROWN, L.L.P., LEEDS & : MORELLI, LEEDS, MORELLI & BROWN, : PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES, INC., : PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC., LENARD : LEEDS, STEVEN A. MORELLI, JEFFREY K. : BROWN, JAMES VAGNINI, FREDERIC DAVID : OSTROVE, ROBERT JOHN VALLI, JR., : DISCRIMINATION ON WALL STREET, INC. : DISCRIMINATION ON WALL STREET, : MANHATTAN, INC., JOHN DOES, 1-10 AND JANE DOES, 1-10 a fictitious designation for : presently unknown licensed attorneys, professionals and/or unknown persons or entities,

Case No. 04 Civ. 8391 (DLC)

AFFIDAVIT OF <u>ANGELA M.</u> ROPER

Defendants.

ANGELA M. ROPER, upon her oath, hereby deposes and says:

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- 1. I am an Attorney-at-Law of the State of New Jersey and am co-counsel in the above-referenced matter. I have not appeared in this matter.
- 2. Initially, Mr. Vaughn was also represented by Constantino Fragale, Esquire, a New York attorney. Mr. Fragale filed this action. Mr. Vaughn and this office relied

upon Mr. Fragale to serve the Complaint in this matter, and Mr. Fragale informed me that the

Complaint had been served upon all Defendants. We relied upon Mr. Fragale in this regard.

3. It has been my experience that Mr. Fragale is diligent and reliable in all of

my dealings with him, and I am sure that any failure to have any of the Defendants served

personally was an inadvertent oversight.

4. Subsequently, Mr. Fragale was contacted by counsel for all of the Leeds-

Morelli Defendants and executed Stipulations extending time for the Defendants to Answer. It is

my understanding that at that time he was not alerted that any of the Defendants had not been

served individually or were claiming some defect in the service of process.

5. It is also my understanding that the Court had an initial conference in this

matter. My associate, Kenneth S. Thyne, Esq., attended this conference and indicated to me that

counsel for Leeds-Morelli were at the conference and at no time did the issue of failure to

personally serve any of the Defendants arise.

Angela M. Roper

Sworn to before me this 23rd day of May, 2005

Kenneth S. Thyne

An Attorney at Law of New Jersey